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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of  
Procedure on the economic aspects of  
the Third Conference on the Law of the Sea

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the special implications an agreement on an overall convention on the law of the sea would have for the exploitation of marine resources throughout the world,
- having regard to the Commission's responsibility to keep the Community's commercial policy under constant review,
- whereas Parliament, with the Legal Affairs Committee as the committee responsible, has, in a series of important documents, satisfactorily discharged its task of laying down clear policy guidelines for the fisheries, environmental protection and transport sectors,
- having regard to the primarily economic aspects of nationalizing coastal zones and setting up the international authority now under discussion,

Instructs its appropriate committees :

1. to identify the Community's elementary interests as regards access to deep-sea resources, under sound economic conditions, in such a way as to ensure the further development of exploration and mining;
2. to examine the effects of generally establishing national economic zones on the economic activity of undertakings based in the Community;
3. to deliver an opinion in regard to the economic aspects on the current state of cooperation on the continental shelf shared by the countries of the European Community and on the economic activity arising out of it, on the basis of the Treaties of Rome and the obligations of national states under international agreements;
4. to submit proposals, to be forwarded to the Commission after discussion by the European Parliament, on measures to be taken within the Community to ensure Community participation in the use and exploitation of marine resources in order to cover the Community's demand, if industrial freedom of establishment is also to be assured in Community waters.